

Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance by Region in Wisconsin

On any one day, how many people in Wisconsin are uninsured? These tables provide estimates of people without any health insurance at any single time, sometimes called a “snapshot” of the population. Overall, 8 percent of Wisconsin residents were uninsured at any one point in time during 1996-1998. (The length of time people remain uninsured varies considerably. During 1996-98, only 5 percent of respondents to this Wisconsin survey had been uninsured for a continuous 12-month period. See Technical Information.)

People lacking health insurance in each of the five Department of Health and Family Services regions are described in these tables, alongside comparable information for the entire state.

- Table 1 displays the percentages uninsured for the entire household population of the region and for selected demographic subgroups of the population.
- Table 2 displays the percentages uninsured for children under age 18 in the region, and for households with children.

Select the region:

Southern

Adams
Columbia
Crawford
Dane
Dodge
Grant
Green
Iowa
Juneau
Lafayette
Richland
Rock
Sauk

Southeastern

Jefferson
Kenosha
Milwaukee
Ozaukee
Racine
Walworth
Washington
Waukesha

Northeastern

Brown
Calumet
Door
Fond du Lac
Green Lake
Kewaunee
Manitowoc
Marinette
Marquette
Menominee
Oconto
Outagamie
Shawano
Sheboygan
Waupaca
Waushara
Winnebago

Western

Barron
Buffalo
Burnett
Chippewa
Clark
Douglas
Dunn
Eau Claire
Jackson
La Crosse
Monroe
Pepin
Pierce
Polk
Rusk
St. Croix
Trempealeau
Vernon
Washburn

Northern

Ashland
Bayfield
Florence
Forest
Iron
Langlade
Lincoln
Marathon
Oneida
Portage
Price
Sawyer
Taylor
Vilas
Wood

**Table 1. Southern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 67,000 people in the Southern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. This was about 8 percent of all household residents. The uninsured included an estimated 12,000 children and 16,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44).

The poor and near-poor are more likely than the non-poor to be uninsured. While 8 percent of the Region's residents overall were uninsured, 30 percent of the poor and 11 percent of the near-poor were uninsured.

	Southern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Household Population	892,000	100%	5,027,000	100%
Total Uninsured	67,000	8	394,000	8
Age Groups				
0-17	12,000	5	86,000	6
18-44	38,000	10	207,000	10
45-64	15,000	8	93,000	9
65+	2,000	2	9,000	1
Summary Groups				
Women 18-44	16,000	9	91,000	9
Men 18-44	22,000	12	116,000	12
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	19,000	30	100,000	22
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	17,000	11	124,000	13
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	29,000	5	155,000	4
Metro Status				
Metro Counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	39,000	8	255,000	8
Nonmetro counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	28,000	7	140,000	8

Notes:

Metropolitan counties Dane, Rock.

Nonmetropolitan counties Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Sauk.

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1996-98 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Southern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 12,000 children in the Southern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. The uninsured included 4,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among poor children (28%) than among non-poor children (3%).

The 12,000 uninsured children in the Southern Region live in an estimated 8,000 households.

	Southern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	232,000	100%	1,347,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	12,000	5	86,000	6
Age Groups				
0-5	4,000	6	21,000	5
6-11	4,000	5	29,000	6
12-17	4,000	5	36,000	8
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	6,000	28	27,000	16
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	1,000	3	30,000	10
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	5,000	3	27,000	3
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	10,000	5	68,000	5
Households with Child(ren)	128,000	100%	738,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	8,000	6	54,000	7

Notes:

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

FPL = Federal Poverty Level (based on household size and annual income).

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1996-98 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Technical Information

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The *Family Health Survey* report also includes statewide information about health insurance coverage during the previous year. Combining estimates for 1996, 1997 and 1998, an estimated 5% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured for a continuous 12-month period. The U.S. Census Bureau's nationwide survey, the Current Population Survey (CPS), found that 9% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured during an entire calendar year (based on an average of results for 1996, 1997 and 1998). The two surveys arrive at different estimates of the long-term uninsured population because the surveys are conducted differently. More information is available in the report.

The households interviewed during 1996, 1997 and 1998 included 22,390 *people of all ages* throughout Wisconsin. There were 6,671 *children* under the age of 18 in these households. The information collected about these residents is the basis for the "State of Wisconsin" columns in both tables. The bottom panel of the children's table (Table 2) displays results based on interviews conducted throughout Wisconsin with 3,282 *households* that included children.

The results in the "Southern Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 3,878 people from throughout the region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 1,080 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 554 households with children.

All of the results presented in these tables are estimates from the Wisconsin Family Health Survey. As survey estimates, they are subject to error. The reader should be cautious in comparing two estimates; an apparent difference of a few percentage points may not be a statistically significant difference. Confidence intervals for specific estimates may be requested from the Bureau of Health Information.

**Table 1. Southeastern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 161,000 people in the Southeastern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. The uninsured included 36,000 children and 40,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44). Children living in the City of Milwaukee were more likely to be uninsured than were children in the balance of the Region (11 vs. 5 percent).

The poor and near-poor are much more likely to be uninsured than are nonpoor residents. In the Southeastern Region, 20 percent of the poor and 16 percent of the near-poor are uninsured, compared with 4 percent of the not poor.

	Southeastern Region							
	City of Milwaukee		Balance of Region*		Total SE Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Estimated Population	585,000	100%	1,328,000	100%	1,913,000	100%	5,027,000	100%
Total Uninsured	80,000	14	81,000	6	161,000	8	394,000	8
Age Groups								
0-17	19,000	11	17,000	5	36,000	7	86,000	6
18-44	41,000	17	45,000	8	87,000	11	207,000	10
45-64	19,000	17	18,000	7	37,000	9	93,000	9
65+	1,000	2	1,000	1	2,000	1	9,000	1
Summary Groups								
Women 18-44	19,000	15	22,000	8	40,000	10	91,000	9
Men 18-44	23,000	20	24,000	9	46,000	12	116,000	12
Poverty Status								
Poor (<100%)	27,000	20	13,000	22	40,000	20	100,000	22
Near poor (100-199%)	28,000	21	22,000	13	50,000	16	124,000	13
Not poor (200%+)	20,000	7	41,000	4	61,000	4	155,000	4
Race/Ethnicity								
Non-Hispanic White	25,000	8	66,000	5	91,000	6	303,000	7
Non-Hispanic Black	41,000	22	ss		45,000	21	47,000	20
Hispanic	10,000	16	ss		17,000	16	27,000	20

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1996-98 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Notes:

Balance of Region includes Milwaukee County outside of the City, plus all of Jefferson, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties.

ss = Sample size too small to produce reliable estimate.

Population estimates in this table are annual estimates based on weighted results of the Family Health Survey combined over 3 years. These estimates represent the household population, excluding persons living in institutions such as nursing homes, dormitories, and prisons.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Southeastern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 36,000 children in the Southeastern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. The uninsured included 9,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among poor children (12%) than among non-poor children (3%).

The 44,000 uninsured children in the Southeastern Region live in an estimated 25,000 households.

	Southeastern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	522,000	100%	1,347,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	36,000	7	86,000	6
Age Groups				
0-5	9,000	6	21,000	5
6-11	12,000	7	29,000	6
12-17	15,000	8	36,000	8
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	10,000	12	27,000	16
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	13,000	14	30,000	10
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	11,000	3	27,000	3
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	27,000	6	68,000	5
Households with Child(ren)	291,000	100%	738,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	25,000	9	54,000	7

Notes:

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

FPL = Federal Poverty Level (based on household size and annual income).

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The *Family Health Survey* report also includes statewide information about health insurance coverage during the previous year. Combining estimates for 1996, 1997 and 1998, an estimated 5% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured for a continuous 12-month period. The U.S. Census Bureau's nationwide survey, the Current Population Survey (CPS), found that 9% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured during an entire calendar year (based on an average of results for 1996, 1997 and 1998). The two surveys arrive at different estimates of the long-term uninsured population because the surveys are conducted differently. More information is available in the report.

The households interviewed during 1996, 1997 and 1998 included 22,390 *people of all ages* throughout Wisconsin. There were 6,671 *children* under the age of 18 in these households. The information collected about these residents is the basis for the "State of Wisconsin" columns in both tables. The bottom panel of the children's table (Table 2) displays results based on interviews conducted throughout Wisconsin with 3,282 *households* that included children.

The results in the "Southeastern Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 4,976 people living in the City of Milwaukee and 4,223 people living in the rest of the region (outside the City), for a total of 9,199 people representing the entire Southeastern Region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 2,895 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 1,396 households with children.

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Table 1. Northeastern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance

An estimated 64,000 people in the Northeastern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. This was about 6 percent of all household residents. The uninsured included an estimated 15,000 children and 12,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44).

The poor and near-poor are more likely than the non-poor to be uninsured. While 6 percent of the Region's residents overall were uninsured, 16 percent of the poor and 10 percent of the near-poor were uninsured.

	Northeastern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Household Population	1,082,000	100%	5,027,000	100%
Total Uninsured	64,000	6	394,000	8
Age Groups				
0-17	15,000	5	86,000	6
18-44	30,000	7	207,000	10
45-64	16,000	7	93,000	9
65+	2,000	2	9,000	1
Summary Groups				
Women 18-44	12,000	6	91,000	9
Men 18-44	18,000	8	116,000	12
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	11,000	16	100,000	22
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	21,000	10	124,000	13
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	30,000	4	155,000	4
Metro Status				
Metro Counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	30,000	5	255,000	8
Nonmetro counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	34,000	8	140,000	8

Notes:

Metropolitan counties Brown, Calumet, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Winnebago.

Nonmetropolitan counties Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara.

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1996-98 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Northeastern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 15,000 children in the Northeastern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. The uninsured included 6,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among poor children (22%) than among non-poor children (2%).

The 15,000 uninsured children in the Northeastern Region live in an estimated 8,000 households.

	Northeastern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	288,000	100%	1,347,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	15,000	5	86,000	6
Age Groups				
0-5	6,000	6	21,000	5
6-11	4,000	4	29,000	6
12-17	6,000	6	36,000	8
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	5,000	22	27,000	16
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	7,000	10	30,000	10
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	4,000	2	27,000	3
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	14,000	5	68,000	5
Households with Child(ren)	153,000	100%	738,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	8,000	5	54,000	7

Notes:

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

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The results in the "Northeastern Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 4,624 people from throughout the region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 1,329 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 655 households with children.

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Table 1. Western Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance

An estimated 64,000 people in the Western Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. This was about 9 percent of all household residents. The uninsured included an estimated 15,000 children and 14,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44).

The poor and near-poor are more likely than the non-poor to be uninsured. While 9 percent of the Region's residents overall were uninsured, 27 percent of the poor and 11 percent of the near-poor were uninsured.

	Western Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Household Population	678,000	100%	5,027,000	100%
Total Uninsured	64,000	9	394,000	8
Age Groups				
0-17	15,000	8	86,000	6
18-44	34,000	13	207,000	10
45-64	14,000	10	93,000	9
65+	1,000	1	9,000	1
Summary Groups				
Women 18-44	14,000	11	91,000	9
Men 18-44	19,000	15	116,000	12
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	19,000	27	100,000	22
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	20,000	11	124,000	13
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	24,000	6	155,000	4
Metro Status				
Metro Counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	33,000	9	255,000	8
Nonmetro counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	31,000	10	140,000	8

Notes:

Metropolitan counties Chippewa, Douglas, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Pierce, St. Croix.

Nonmetropolitan counties Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Clark, Dunn, Jackson, Monroe, Pepin, Polk, Rusk, Trempealeau, Vernon, Washburn.

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1996-98 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Western Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 15,000 children in the Western Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. The uninsured included 2,000 children under the age of 6.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among poor children (24%) than among non-poor children (4%).

The 15,000 uninsured children in the Western Region live in an estimated 9,000 households.

	Western Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	184,000	100%	1,347,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	15,000	8	86,000	6
Age Groups				
0-5	2,000	4	21,000	5
6-11	6,000	9	29,000	6
12-17	7,000	11	36,000	8
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	6,000	24	27,000	16
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	6,000	9	30,000	10
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	4,000	4	27,000	3
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	12,000	7	68,000	5
Households with Child(ren)	97,000	100%	738,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	9,000	9	54,000	7

Notes:

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

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The results in the "Western Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 2,886 people from throughout the region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 872 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 424 households with children.

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Table 1. Northern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance

An estimated 38,000 people in the Northern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98. This was about 8 percent of all household residents. The uninsured included an estimated 7,000 children and 9,000 women of child-bearing age (18-44).

The poor and near-poor are more likely than the non-poor to be uninsured. While 8 percent of the Region's residents overall were uninsured, 21 percent of the poor and 14 percent of the near-poor were uninsured.

	Northern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Household Population	461,000	100%	5,027,000	100%
Total Uninsured	38,000	8	394,000	8
Age Groups				
0-17	7,000	6	86,000	6
18-44	19,000	11	207,000	10
45-64	12,000	12	93,000	9
65+	1,000	1	9,000	1
Summary Groups				
Women 18-44	9,000	10	91,000	9
Men 18-44	10,000	12	116,000	12
Poverty Status				
Poor (<100% FPL)	11,000	21	100,000	22
Near poor (100-199% FPL)	16,000	14	124,000	13
Not poor (200%+ FPL)	12,000	4	155,000	4
Metro Status				
Metro Counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	5,000	4	255,000	8
Nonmetro counties (<i>see Notes</i>)	33,000	10	140,000	8

Notes:

Metropolitan county Marathon.

Nonmetropolitan counties Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Portage, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Wood.

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1996-98 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

**Table 2. Children Ages 0-17 in the Northern Region
Number and Proportion Without Health Insurance**

An estimated 7,000 children in the Northern Region of Wisconsin were without health insurance at any one point in time during 1996-98.

The proportion uninsured is much higher among low-income children (10%) than among higher-income children (3%).

The 7,000 uninsured children in the Northern Region live in an estimated 5,000 households.

	Northern Region		State of Wisconsin	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Estimated Child Population	121,000	100%	1,347,000	100%
Total Uninsured Children	7,000	6	86,000	6
Age Groups				
0-5	--	1	21,000	5
6-11	3,000	7	29,000	6
12-17	4,000	8	36,000	8
Poverty Status				
Low-income (<200% FPL)	5,000	10	58,000	12
Higher-income (200%+ FPL)	2,000	3	27,000	3
Live(s) with Full-Time Employed Adult(s)	5,000	4	68,000	5
Households with Child(ren)	70,000	100%	738,000	100%
Households with Any Uninsured Child(ren)	5,000	7	54,000	7

Notes:

-- Fewer than 500 children (rounds to 0).

This table shows the estimated number of children who are uninsured in various groups, and the percent of children within the group who are uninsured.

FPL = Federal Poverty Level (based on household size and annual income).

Source: Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 1996-98 combined file. Bureau of Health Information, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health and Family Services.

Technical Information

The Wisconsin Family Health Survey is a random-sample telephone survey conducted throughout the year under the direction of the Bureau of Health Information, Department of Health and Family Services. The survey includes questions about health status, chronic conditions, use of health care services, and health insurance coverage, as well as demographic items. The Family Health Survey collects information about household residents; it does not include persons living in institutions such as nursing homes and prisons.

Each telephone interview is conducted with the adult who knows the most about the health of all household members. In households with a minor child, this is most often the child's mother. This respondent answers all of the survey questions, providing information about all household members.

All survey results have been weighted and are considered to be representative of Wisconsin's household population. The estimates in these tables (both population numbers and percents) are annual averages for the 3-year period 1996-98. Further details about sample design, weights, and survey implementation are available in the annual report, [Wisconsin Family Health Survey 1998](#).

The *Family Health Survey* report also includes statewide information about health insurance coverage during the previous year. Combining estimates for 1996, 1997 and 1998, an estimated 5% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured for a continuous 12-month period. The U.S. Census Bureau's nationwide survey, the Current Population Survey (CPS), found that 9% of Wisconsin's household population was uninsured during an entire calendar year (based on an average of results for 1996, 1997 and 1998). The two surveys arrive at different estimates of the long-term uninsured population because the surveys are conducted differently. More information is available in the report.

The households interviewed during 1996, 1997 and 1998 included 22,390 *people of all ages* throughout Wisconsin. There were 6,671 *children* under the age of 18 in these households. The information collected about these residents is the basis for the "State of Wisconsin" columns in both tables. The bottom panel of the children's table (Table 2) displays results based on interviews conducted throughout Wisconsin with 3,282 *households* that included children.

The results in the "Northern Region" column of Table 1 are based on a sample of 1,803 people from throughout the region. The results for the region in Table 2 are based on a sample of 495 children; the bottom panel displays results based on 253 households with children.

All of the results presented in these tables are estimates from the Wisconsin Family Health Survey. As survey estimates, they are subject to error. The reader should be cautious in comparing two estimates; an apparent difference of a few percentage points may not be a statistically significant difference. Confidence intervals for specific estimates may be requested from the Bureau of Health Information.